GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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JOINT PATROLLING
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether at the Almaty Summit the Prime Minister had suggested for joint patrolling along the Line of Control in Kashmir;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c)the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) (b) & (c) Pakistan has been saying that it will stop infiltration on a permanent basis and that there should be some form of international monitoring to verify whether infiltration is continuing or not. The proposal for international monitors is neither practical nor possible.

If Pakistan is serious about implementing its commitment to stop infiltration and cross border terrorism and is desirous of proving the seriousness of its intentions, joint patrolling offers a possible mechanism for verifying Pakistan`s seriousness to its stated commitment.

PM had thus offered the above proposal during the CICA Summit in Almaty.